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1. Between 12 and 25 January 1955, the Panzer Kaserne [] in Bad Freienwalde was occupied as previously by 1,200 to 1,400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia and a few wearing infantry service color.
2. On 20 January, 7 T-34/85 tanks, JSU-249 guns [] 4 armored personnel carriers, approximately 35 trucks with 350 soldiers and 2 field kitchens left the installation and bivouacked in the wooded area near Koethen west of Bad Freienwalde. The unit which engaged in infantry training at company level was still stationed there on 21 January.
3. On 21 January, instruction on 2 x 85-mm AT guns and 1 light mortar was observed in the installation. Five two-axle and 3 three-axle armored personnel carriers entered the installation.
4. Between 12 and 25 January, firing with rifles, machine guns and submachine guns was practiced in the installation and advanced combat practice firing was held at the Altranft post training grounds.
5. Motor vehicles observed included:

<u>Trucks</u>	<u>Sedans</u>	<u>Jeeps</u>	<u>Sidecar-motorcycle</u>
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6. Between 1 and 27 January, the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. The personnel included some wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Two to 4 half-track vehicles, each occupied by 8 soldiers, were repeatedly seen leaving for, and returning from, the Rathsdorf training area. Beginning in mid-January, reports of guns and machine guns were almost daily heard from the wooded area west of Bad Freienwalde.
7. On 5 January, approximately 50 new three-axle ZIS-type trucks arrived in the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde from the direction of the railroad station. A total of approximately 127 new trucks were allegedly detained in Bad Freienwalde. Driving school practices which were daily held involved exclusively ZIS-type trucks.
8. On 10 January, a train carrying 16 heavy guns, trucks, tractors, and 2 field kitchens arrived in Eberswalde from the direction of Berman. The shipment included 8 boxcars occupied by soldiers. Motor vehicle [] was seen. 2
9. On 12 January, a tent camp with earth bunkers was observed in the Hohentilow Forest, east of Eberswalde. Approximately 100 motor vehicles including trucks, tank and radio trucks and 27 T-34/85 tanks were seen in the camp. The units which were fed from field kitchens, left toward Eberswalde in small groups. Motor vehicle [] was seen. 3
10. The following shipments were observed at the Eberswalde railroad station:
- 17 January. At 1515, a troop train carrying 32 canvas-covered half-track vehicles passed through the station and proceeded toward Berlin.
- 17 January. At 1710, a troop train carrying 38 trucks passed through the station from south to north.
- 20 January. At 1045, a regular freight train arrived from the direction of Berman with 3 radio trucks. At 1445, the 3 trucks left toward the barracks installations along with armored personnel carrier []. 4
11. At 1630 on 20 January, a troop train of 5 flatcars carrying 20 guns, 32 flatcars with trucks and 10 boxcars with personnel passed through the Biesenthal railroad station and proceeded toward Eberswalde.
1. [] Company. The 16th Gds Mecz Regt with its subordinate 28th Tank Bn and the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div are confirmed in the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde by heavy weapons and []. In 1955, small-scale continuous exercises and tent camps in the vicinity of the posts were also observed at other posts after mid-January.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The train presumably carried a unit of the 71st Light Arty Brig from Bernau which transferred to the Templin training grounds for firing practices. 25X1
3. [REDACTED] Comment. The units probably came from Eberswalde. For details on exercises in the vicinity of posts, [REDACTED] 25X1
4. [REDACTED] Comment. The two trains on 17 and 19 January presumably carried materiel arriving in connection with the exchange program previously reported. It cannot be determined where the trains went and to which unit the trucks which were detrained on 20 January belonged. 25X1
5. [REDACTED] Comment. The shipment cannot be accounted for. It may have been connected with the movements from Satzkorn to Templin which were previously reported. (Firing practices of artillery units of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Templin). 25X1

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